

symbolize the capture of Mount Suribachi and the ensuing U.S. military victory at Iwo Jima.

On February 23, 1945, a 24-year-old marine from North Dakota named Charles W. Lindberg played a key role in the events immortalized by the Iwo Jima memorial. On that day, he was part of the group that raised the first American flag to fly over Japanese soil in the Second World War. Many names from that war stand out in our memories: Normandy, Midway, the Battle of the Bulge. But perhaps none stands out like Iwo Jima.

The battle for Iwo Jima was one of the fiercest of the entire war. The American attack, planned to capture the two airfields on the island and provide a staging area for B-29 bombing runs on the Japanese home islands, was the first invasion of traditionally Japanese territory in the war. Fighting on the island lasted over a month. Over 20,000 Americans were injured and 6,825 more heroically made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

And on Iwo Jima North Dakota's Marine Cpl. Charles Lindberg made his mark on history. The indelible image of the battle for Iwo Jima is of six men raising an American flag atop the island. But those six men were not the first group of men to claim Iwo Jima for the United States. That honor belongs to a patrol that included Corporal Lindberg. The distinction between the two was one he spent a lifetime explaining.

On February 23, Corporal Lindberg took his 72-pound flame-thrower to enemy pillboxes at the base of Mount Suribachi and set out for the top with five other marines, an old pipe to be used as a flagpole, and the American flag. They gained the summit and planted the flag. Lindberg recalled that the flag's raising created such a commotion of cheers and whistles that it brought the enemy back out. That threat drew Lindberg back to battle, and so he missed the raising of the second flag, which was captured for history and recreated at the Iwo Jima memorial.

Lindberg won a Silver Star for his bravery that day, and a Purple Heart for the injury that led to his evacuation from the island less than one week later. Thirty-six members of his 40-man patrol were killed or wounded while fighting on Iwo Jima, which would rage for a full month after the flag-raising. Lindberg was fortunate enough to return home, to marry, and to live out a somewhat quieter life as an electrician.

On June 24, at the age of 83, he passed away. He was the last surviving member of the group of heroes who had the honor of raising the first American flag to fly over Japanese territory.

What is it that makes a young man from a simple town like Grand Forks, ND, risk his life the way Corporal Lindberg did on Iwo Jima? Was it the fight for freedom and liberty? Was it his patriotism and his love of country?

Was it his bravery and courage? Perhaps it was all those things. In fact, I would say that the story of Charles Lindberg presents the best of all that is American. Duty. Honor. Bravery. Sacrifice. I am proud to say that Corporal Lindberg comes from my home State of North Dakota. I am proud to call Corporal Lindberg an American.

Lindberg's passing serves as a reminder to be thankful for the heroic service of all those who answered the call to serve our country. The service of the millions of young men called to duty in World War II—and in all of our nation's wars—can never be forgotten. We are all touched in some way by heroes like Charles Lindberg, whether they are our family members, our loved ones, or our neighbors. Let us always remember the debt we owe these heroes, and always cherish the freedom they successfully fought to preserve.

TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL WAYNE BUTLER

Mr. GRAHAM. Mr. President, I would like to pay tribute to retired Colonel Michael Wayne Butler. On June 12, 2007, South Carolina lost a true patriot when Colonel Butler was killed while working for a contractor near Tikrit, Iraq. He is survived by his wife Joanne, sons Mike and Daniel, and grandson Da'Kori.

Colonel Butler's career in the Air Force began when he graduated from the U.S. Air Academy in 1976. Upon graduation, Colonel Butler was commissioned an aircraft maintenance officer. Colonel Butler's career in the Air Force was nothing less than distinguished. He had the opportunity to command the 50th Component Repair Squadron at Hahn AB, Germany, and later the 39th Logistics Group at Incirlik AB, Turkey. In many ways, Colonel Butler's final tour was one of his most complicated ones. Responsible for developing contingency plans and conducting air operations in a 25-nation area of responsibility covering a large swath of the globe, Colonel Butler served as CENTAF Director of Logistics at Shaw AFB in South Carolina. After 30 years of distinguished military service, earning a Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, and an Air Force Commendation Medal, Colonel Butler took a much deserved retirement from the Air Force in 2006.

Continuing his love of travel, Colonel Butler trekked around the world with his wife after retiring. Though Colonel Butler would soon be pursuing a new calling, the Butlers established a home in Rembert, SC. In December of 2006, Colonel Butler joined DynCorp International to be the senior deputy program manager for CIVPOL. His new occupation sent him to Iraq. Colonel Butler's experience in the region and his dedication to the cause of freedom was surely an asset in his new duties. On his final mission to advance our cause in Iraq, Colonel Butler was trans-

porting prisoners in a five-vehicle convoy with the U.S. military and Iraqi police when his vehicle was hit by an IED and small arms fire. Colonel Butler and one American soldier lost their lives.

Colonel Butler's love of life extended beyond the battlefield. An avid runner, Colonel Butler competed in and completed the Marine Corps Marathon. Completing the marathon once is quite an accomplishment, but Colonel Butler embraced the challenge of the marathon and completed it multiple times. I was moved to hear that his family will run the marathon in Colonel Butler's absence this year.

Colonel Butler will be buried at Arlington Cemetery on August 22 with full honors. As he departs on his final mission, his memory and legacy will not fade from the hearts and minds of all of the people he came across in his life. He will be missed but this Nation will never forget.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

2006 SLOAN AWARD WINNERS

• Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. President, I congratulate the 2006 winners of the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility, which recognizes companies that have successfully used flexibility to meet both business and employee goals.

As I did last year, I wish to draw attention to the Sloan Awards because I think these companies are to be commended for their excellence in providing workplace flexibility practices which benefit both employees and employers. Achieving greater flexibility in the workplace—to maximize productivity while attracting the highest quality employees—is one of the key challenges facing American companies in the 21st century.

For 2006, businesses in the following 17 cities were eligible for recognition: Boise, ID; Chandler, AZ; Chattanooga, TN; Chicago, IL; Greater Dallas/Fort Worth, TX; Dayton, OH; Detroit, MI; Durham, NC; Long Beach, CA; Long Island, NY; New Orleans, LA; Providence, RI; Richmond, VA; Salt Lake City, UT; Seattle, WA; Tampa, FL; and Washington, DC. The Chamber of Commerce in each city hosted an interactive business forum to share research on workplace flexibility as an important component of workplace effectiveness. In these same communities, businesses applied for, and winners were selected for, the Sloan Awards through a process that included employees' views as well as employer practices.

In Boise, ID, the winners were American Geotechnics, American Red Cross of Greater Idaho, Chatterbox, DJM Sales & Marketing Inc, Healthwise, Hewlett-Packard Company, Idaho Shakespeare Festival, the Ashley Inn, and the Cat Doctor.

In Chandler, AZ, the winners were Arizona Spine and Joint Hospital, Chandler Chamber of Commerce, Civil

Search International LLC, Clifton Gunderson LLP, Hacienda Builders, Henry & Home LLP, Intel Corporation, Jewish News of Greater Phoenix, Martinez & Shanken PLLC, RIESTER, State Mortgage, and Technology Providers Inc.

In Chattanooga, TN, the winners were Center for Community Career Education at the University of Tennessee: Chattanooga, Chattanooga's Kids on the Block, First Tennessee Bank, G.R. Rush & Company P.C., Jewish Community Federation of Greater Chattanooga, and Tricycle Inc.

In Chicago, IL, the winners are Association Forum of Chicagoland, Ernst & Young, KPMG LLP, and Maxil Technology Solutions Inc.

In Greater Dallas/Fort Worth, TX, the winners are Brinker International, Community Council of Greater Dallas, Fleishman-Hillard Dallas, Kaye/Bassman International, Lee Hecht Harrison, McQueary Henry Bowles Troy LLP, the Beck Group, and the Salvation Army Greater Dallas Metroplex Command.

In Detroit, MI, the winners are Albert Kahn Associates Inc., Amerisure Insurance Company, Brogan & Partners Convergence Marketing, Detroit Parent Network, Detroit Regional Chamber, Farberman Group, Menlo Innovations LLC, Rossetti, and Visteon Corporation.

In Durham, NC, the winners are Community Partners, Inc., Dow Reichhold Specialty Latex, Durham's Partnership for Children, Nortel, Shodor Education Foundation Inc., and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at Research Triangle Park.

In Long Beach, CA, the winners are Boys & Girls Clubs of Long Beach, Klaris Thomson & Schroeder Inc., Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, Office Furniture Group, Inc., and PeacePartners Inc.

In Long Island, NY, the winner is Atlantic HVACR Sales, Inc.

In Providence, RI, the winners are Clarendon Group Inc., Embolden Design Inc., Lefkowitz Garfinkel Champi & DeRienzo P.C., and Rhode Island Housing.

In Richmond, VA, the winners are Bon Secours Richmond Health System, Capital One Financial, and Lee Hecht Harrison.

In Salt Lake City, UT, the winners are Carter & Burgess Inc., Cooper Roberts Simonsen Associates, Creative Expressions, Jones Waldo Holbrook & McDonough P.C., McKinnon-Mulherin Inc., Stayner Bates & Jensen P.C., and Utah Food Services.

In Seattle, WA, the winners were ColorsNW Magazine, DHI Technologies Inc., Macy's Northwest, National Court Appointed Special Advocate, CASA, Association, NRG::Seattle, Personnel Management Systems, Inc., Puget Sound Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, U.S. Government Accountability Office, and WithinReach.

In Tampa, FL, the winners were Kingery & Crouse, and Retail Merchandising Xpress.

In Washington, DC, the winners were Bailey Law Group P.C., Capital One Financial, Discovery Communications Inc., and KPMG LLP.

The Sloan Awards are presented by the When Work Works initiative, which is a project of the Families and Work Institute in partnership with the Institute for a Competitive Workforce, an affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the Twiga Foundation. The When Work Works initiative is sponsored by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

Building on the success of the first 2 years, the next phase of the When Work Works initiative will extend the number of participating communities to 24 in 2007 to include Aurora, CO; Brockton, MA; Cincinnati, OH; Houston, TX; Morris County, NJ; Melbourne-Palm Bay, FL; Savannah, GA; and Winona, MN. Again, I congratulate the 2006 winners of the Sloan Awards, and I look forward to the continuing expansion of this exciting initiative.●

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JONATHAN N. MCCART PETERSON

● Mr. NELSON of Nebraska. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Army PFC Jonathan N. McCart Peterson.

Private First Class Peterson was born September 11, 1987, in Liberal, KS. He graduated from McCook High School in May 2005 and joined the Army on July 26 of that year. He attended basic training at Fort Jackson, SC, and was then stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. He later transferred to Rose Barracks Army Base near Vilseck, Germany, where he was an information systems operator and maintainer and worked specifically as a local area network manager.

On Friday, May 25, 2007, Private First Class Peterson passed away at Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney as a result of an automobile accident. He was 19 years old. He is survived by his mother, Valery A. McCart, of Cambridge; two sisters, Jessica M. Peterson and her son, Nikolas Malleck, of McCook, and Jayme L. Peterson of Kearney.

I offer my sincere condolences to the family and friends of PFC Jonathan Peterson during this time of heartbreak. Even in death, his selfless service to our country was evident. As an organ donor, he undoubtedly saved many lives. Few Americans ever achieve as much as Private First Class Peterson did in such a tragically short life. He will be forever remembered as a hero.●

FOLLANSBEE'S 101ST ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the 101st anniversary of Follansbee, WV—a great community with great people and an important part of our State.

Follansbee is a town whose legacy was forged in steel. Its 3,000 residents

are descendants of history and carry with them a proud tradition of tenacity and pride. While Follansbee sits in the northern panhandle of West Virginia, squeezed between Ohio and Pennsylvania on the banks of the Ohio River, it plays an integral role in West Virginia's economy.

Follansbee Steel was the first company to locate in this small Brooke County town, joining steel makers throughout the Ohio River Valley in firing the industrial revolution and feeding the Nation's voracious appetite for steel as it grew. Follansbee Steel's state-of-the-art roofing products also appeared in the early 19th century and played a major role in post-Civil War Reconstruction. Later, these materials became the products of choice for Frank Lloyd Wright, one of the world's most prominent architects.

In fact, when brothers John and Robert Follansbee bought the steel mill near the turn of the 20th century, not only did they rename the mill, they were the catalyst for forming what is now the city of Follansbee. Before that anyone traveling north of Wellsburg along the river would refer to Mahan's Junction—the name of the owners of the large orchard formerly on the site of Follansbee.

On this day, the 101st anniversary of its founding, it is appropriate to look to the future which, I am happy to note, looks bright for Follansbee, WV. As the years have passed, the tradition of Follansbee Steel remains through the town's reservoir of high-quality labor. Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, a successor of Follansbee Steel, continues to run one of the busiest coke plants in the country, feeding both its blast furnace and its electric arc furnace, while Wheeling-Nisshin is now one of the largest hot-dip coating mills in the world.

Wheeling Nisshin came to West Virginia in the early 1980s as our very first Japanese business. Since that time we have seen Japanese companies embrace West Virginia throughout the State. This joint venture between a Japanese steel company and Wheeling Pitt was years ahead of its time, taking advantage of the increasing globalization of the steel industry and using it to West Virginia's advantage.

With its large industry and its small businesses and local professionals, Follansbee is just the type of small American town we think of and in which we take pride. It is a community with strong roots and a tremendous sense of local pride. Each summer its residents gather for Follansbee Community Days, bringing residents, their families, and former residents together from far and wide to celebrate their shared sense of community.

Mr. President, I hope my colleagues in the Senate will join me in marking this 101st anniversary of the founding of Follansbee. The legacy of that town is long, its history rich—but it is the service it has provided the country that will be felt for a long, long time.